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SUBJ: PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY TO BUILD PATROL BOATS

1. BANGKOK SHIPBUILDING&ENGINEERING CORP. WISHES TO BID ON FORTHCOMING ROYAL THAI NAVY TENDER AND IS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING U.S. TECHNOLOGY TO BUILD 150 FOOT, DIESEL PROPELLED (40 KNOT) PATROL GUN BOATS, SIMILAR TO TACOMA BOATYARD'S ASHEVILLE CLASS.

2. BANGKOK SHIPBUILDING&ENGINEERING CORP. WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1968 AS A CORPORATION WITH AN AUTHORIZED CAPITAL OF US\$1 MILLION. IT HAS A SHIPYARD OF 16,676 SQ. METERS, A 2,237 SQ. METER FLOATING DOCK, A 780 SQ. METER WORKSHOP, AND AN 144 SQ. METER OFFICE, ALL LOCATED ON THE CHAO PHYA RIVER IN BANGKOK. AT PRESENT, IT IS CAPABLE OF BUILDING STEEL VESSELS OF 16,000 DEAD-WEIGHT TONS AND REPAIRING 22,500 TON VESSELS, THE FIRM IS WELL KNOWN IN LOCAL BUSINESS CIRCLES.

3. USDOC IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT TACOMA, HALTER DIVISION OF LITTON INDUSTRIES, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE BOAT BUILDERS THAT MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE DESIRED TECHNOLOGY.

4. INTERESTED U.S. FIRMS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WRITE DIRECTLY TO:
DR. SONGPHAN VONGTHONGSRI, MANAGING DIRECTOR, BANGKOK SHIPBUILDING &ENGINEERING CORP., LTD., 492 TROK TON PHO, NEW ROAD, P.O. BOX 12-92, BANGKOK, THAILAND.
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